

TED'S ORDEAL

Silently the committee followed Ted Hammond down the street. At the fifth house from the corner they solemnly paused. Ted gave one ap pealing look and mounted the steps. There was such a prompt response to his ring that they almost seemed to have been waiting for him.

Ted waited miserably in the recep tion room while the butler went to an ousance his important business. He rather envied little Sibbo, who was getting off light. What was stimulat ing an epileptic fit in a crowded dry goods store to trying to sell the most luxurious liver in town a copy of "The Simple Life."

The committee on initiation had been the most ingenious this year. The tasks they allotted the candidates were positively childish but to order him to seek to sell a copy of "The Simple Life" to a book agent seemed to invite him to self-destruction.

Nervously he followed the butler down the long hall and into the li brary. Ackerman looked up at his entrance.

"What can I do for you?" he asked sharply.

"I have a book," explained Ted. "It's a very celebrated book and I thought you might like to buy a copy."

"A book agent!" thundered Ack erman, as he reached for the bell.

"See here," pleaded Ted. "Give me a chance. Here is a book that every one's been talking about."

"Don't want it," snapped Ack erman.

"Have a look, anyway," insisted Ted. "It's 'The Simple Life,' the book that the president thought was such hot stuff. I'll bet you've never read it and yet it's been talked about for the last two years. You never did read it, did you?"

"No. And I'm not going to now," de clared Ackerman. "If I thought you meant that I needed to read that—"

"You do need to," reiterated Ted. "Not the way you mean, but because a man needs to keep posted. By your own admission, you're two years behind. You can have a laugh, any way."

He held the book invitingly toward his victim and almost unconsciously Ackerman took it. He glanced over the pages with an occasional grunt. He was by no means an exponent of the simple life, and he found much to deride.

"Didn't I tell you it was good for a laugh?" insisted Ted. Ackerman looked up with a smile.

"How much is it?" he demanded.

"You can satisfy your pride with the knowledge that you're the first book agent that ever sold me anything."

"In that case make it a dollar," sug gested Ted. "Thanks. Good morning. I can find my own way out."

He was gone before Ackerman could ring, elated over his success and de voutly thankful that he had not been thrown out. He was just opening the front door when a girl came running down the stairs.

"Mr. Hammond?" she cried. Ted turned.

"Miss Drury!" he gasped. "What brings you here?"

"Mr. Ackerman is my guardian," she explained. "I thought that per haps—" She caught herself with a blush.

"No," said Ted. "That was not it. You and your party left the Point so suddenly that I could get no trace of you. The fact is that I was in selling Mr. Ackerman a book."

"You are a book agent?" she cried in shocked surprise.

"Amateur," he explained. "They want to make me feel properly hum ible before they admit me to fellowship in the fraternity. I had to sell a copy of 'The Simple Life.'"

"To Uncle Chester?" she cried.

"How did you ever do it?"

"I don't know myself," he admitted frankly. "There are three of the com mittee outside now waiting to see me thrown down the steps. I did not ex pect to disappoint them."

"I could call the butler," she sug gested.

"No, thanks. If you will permit me I'll take another chance with your uncle."

"How?" she asked, curiously.

"You know what I was trying to ask you last summer," he said bold ly. "You told before I could propose. I was, and am, consoled enough to think that you do care for me. May I go in and ask his consent to our mar riage when I graduate?"

"This is so sudden!" she protested.

"Not a bit of it. I've been seven months getting it out. I think you've had notice enough."

His eyes blazed more eloquently than his tongue, and blushing she hid her face in his shoulder and she whispered "Yes."

For a second time that morning Chester Ackerman was shocked out of his accustomed placidity, and for a second time Ted won. This time his pleading was far more eloquent. He could not go away at once but at last he said goodby.

In the shadow of the trees three hand ed figures with chattering teeth greeted him.

"Sorry to keep you waiting," said Ted politely. "Here's a dollar I got for the book."

"Tell us about it," commanded the committee. "What detained you?"

"That's quite another story," ex plained Ted. "But I'm really very much obliged to you for your amiable efforts to provide me with sudden death. I am indeed."

Meeting Cousin Sarah

When the telegram came at break fast time Rutherford gave a low whistle after glancing at it. Then he passed it across the table to his wife.

"Goodness, Dick! Is Cousin Sarah coming?" asked Mrs. Rutherford in a tone of not altogether pleased sur prise.

"That's what she says, isn't it?" re plied Rutherford. "What time does she say she will arrive?"

"Coming today on 2:40 train; please meet me," read Mrs. Ruther ford.

"That lets me out," chuckled Ruther ford. "I'll be in court at 2:40 this afternoon. You'll have the pleasure of going to the train, Natalie."

"But I'm engaged for a bridge par ty."

"Well, my dear girl, you know Cousin Sarah will never forgive us if she is not met at the station with due ceremony. You don't want her to change her will, do you?"

"Of course not," Mrs. Rutherford laughed. "But sometimes Dick I just wish your cousin Sarah had never mentioned her generous intentions."

Rutherford was hurrying for his car when Natalie called to him to know to which station she was to go.

"Why, the— Well, I don't know. There are two roads passing through Cornersville. I'll look up the train and telephone you at noon."

While waiting to hear from her hus band Mrs. Rutherford phoned her most abject apologies to Mrs. Em mons.

"I quite understand the situation," said the discomfited hostess, graciously, "and if you'll only find me a substitute I shall be most grateful, for I'm too busy to hunt up any one now."

Then Mrs. Rutherford, with all the tact she possessed, began calling up her friends, but no one appeared in clined to play bridge as an accommo dation at a party to which she had not been invited. All sorts of seem ingly valid excuses in the way of previous engagements and ill health were given until in despair Mrs. Rutherford induced her former bridge teacher to take her place at the price of one afternoon's lesson.

"Well, cousin Sarah's visits come high, but we must have them," re marked Rutherford when, on telephon ing his wife, she mentioned this ar rangement. "Now, about the train. I find there is no 2:40 train on either road. But there's a 2:30 on the Mil waukee and a 2:35 on the Northwest ern. Both will have to be met."

"Wait, I can't be in two places at once."

"Even I realize that," replied Ruth ford with mock humility. "I'll send Miss Thornton to the union station, though we're so busy in the office I don't see how we can spare her, but I guess it's the only way. You re member she wrote some letters for cousin Sarah the last time she was in town, so she'll know her all right."

At 3 o'clock Mrs. Rutherford, enter ing the office building, met the stenographer at the entrance.

"Why, Miss Thornton, didn't you meet our cousin?" she asked.

"She wasn't at the union station," was the answer. "I saw the train come in and I looked at every pas senger. I thought she had come on the other road."

"Well, she didn't," asserted Mrs. Rutherford.

Rutherford laughed that evening at dinner, but his wife knew that he was disturbed by the non-arrival of his elderly cousin.

"Just lost her train, probably," he said after they had discussed the mat ter. "We'll certainly hear from her in the morning mail."

At 1:30 they were awakened from deep sleep by the loud and persistent ringing of the bell, and Rutherford, rousing himself, hastily threw on a bathrobe and rushed to the door.

"Why, cousin Sarah, you here?" Natalie heard him exclaim.

"Yes, I'm here, and such a time as I've had. I've been sitting in that depot nearly two hours, thinking every minute you'd come. I got so vexed I just about decided to stay right there and take the early train back to Cornersville this morning."

"You poor dear," Natalie ran down stairs and kissed the delighted guest as warmly as that angular and angry person would permit. "I'm afraid you didn't telegraph us the right train. We went to two stations this afternoon."

"This afternoon! How could you expect me this afternoon when I wire d I'd take the 2:40 train and you, Richard, at least, ought to know that it takes nine hours to come down here."

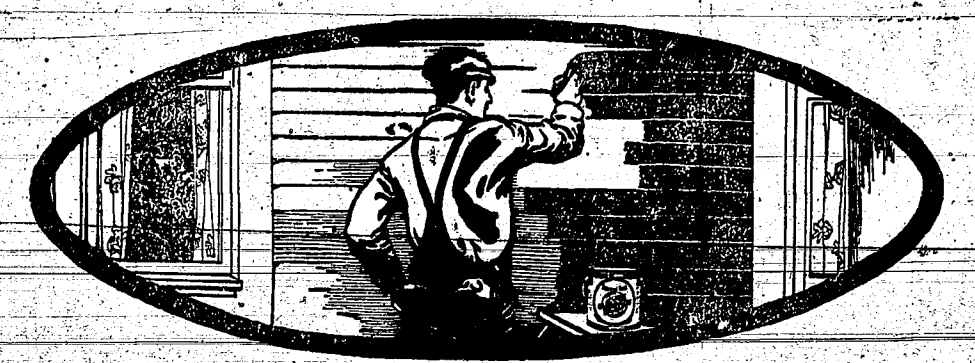
"I guess you'll have to be patient and forgive us, cousin Sarah," Ruth ford looked solemnly penitent. "Na talle and I aren't very smart about trains. Of course, there was no rea son in the world for us to fancy for a minute that you were due here this afternoon. We're pretty stupid, aren't we?"

"Well, it's all over now and if I can get a bite to eat and a good sleep tonight, like enough I'll make up in a real good humor tomorrow."

Rutherford smiled sleepily when his wife came into their room an hour later.

"I think the will's safe," he mur mured.

"Oh, bother the will!" retorted Mrs. Rutherford, tartly, as she turned out the light.



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The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

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Dated Grayling, April 3, A. D. 1911.
OSCAR PALMER
ADELBERT TAYLOR
Commissioners.

Sale of State Tax Lands.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Auditor General's Department.
Lansing, April 1, 1911.

NOTICE is hereby given that cer tain lands situated in the county of Crawford bid off to the State for taxes of 1907 and previous years, and de scribed in statements which will be forwarded to the office of the Treas urer of said County, and may be seen at said office previous to the day, said will be sold at public auction by said Treasurer, at the County Seat, on the first Tuesday of May next, at the time and place designated for the Annual Tax Sale; if not previously redeemed or cancelled according to law. Said statements contain a full description of each parcel of said lands.

ORAMEL B. FULLER,
Auditor General.

Youthful Teacher's Bravery.

The brave action of a girl teacher was publicly noticed at a recent meet ing of Scarborough (Eng.) town coun cil. Miss Smith was in a room with a class of 40 children, none over five years of age. One boy had in his pocket some Bengal Lights. Suddenly his clothes burst into flames. Miss Smith at once called the children to order to prevent panic and then set ting hold of the screaming child wrapped him in her dress and put out the flames with her hands. But for her presence of mind the child would undoubtedly have lost his life. Then she ran with the child to his mother and collapsed. Her hands and arms were badly blistered and her dress burnt, but the child was saved.

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How Coal Owners Sacrifice Coal Workers

BY BEN MELLON

NLY seven Americans killed.

Only seven! Not enough to matter. At least this was the naive explanation given in the news dispatches on the eighth of last October for telling so little about the explosion in the Starville coal mine, when fifty-five men were killed. As for the other forty-eight, they were ignorant foreigners, and apparently did not count. And yet, out of that coal mine was carried

a charred, disfigured body, one of the forty-eight, which lay, twisted from the death-pain, in the bright sunshine. "John Czes, a Pole, some one said, and a woman, who had watched three despairing days and nights, raised her bony fists against the serene, far-away sky, and went mad.

Turning from the horror before her, she ran shrieking down the mountain side, and another woman, who crunched the fixed stare of her eyes, abandoned her children in pursuit. The clumsy race turned down the dry canon and ended in one of those forlorn little settlements that mark a coal mine in the world over.

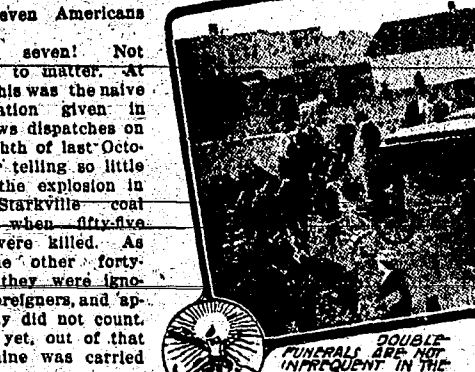
The Polish woman in the lead burst into her cabin, and setting a revolver, rushed at her terrified children, but before she could shoot, her arms were seized from behind. The struggle was short and decisive. One plump backward jerk, the ponderous floor sank and the second woman staggered to one side, panting with the revolve safe in her hand.

Just at that dramatic moment the body of her own husband was being carried to the surface. This was a mere incident, almost lost in the stupefaction following a local calamity. But it serves as a meaningful introduction to a splendid example of the kind of occurrence which has doubled the number of men killed in our coal mines in the last ten years.

The Starville mine is an average American coal mine. The last annual report before the explosion showed that the mine had cleared \$500,000 in the previous year. It pointed out that the property was yielding handsome returns on the investment, but it did not mention the fact that the mine was so dusty a new air shaft was sorely needed. The air shaft would have cost \$10,000, and the management decided against it. Unfortunately, there was no one in the state of Colorado to make the company sink it.

One-fifth of the year's earnings was too much to make the mine reasonably safe. Result, fifty-five dead, thirty-two widows thrown upon the world, and almost a hundred children fatherless. They formed an important addition to the year's total from the coal mines of more than seven thousand killed and injured, fifteen hundred widowed, and four thousand children dependent on ignorant and helpless women.

Officially these men were killed by an explosion of the coal dust, but they were really killed by greed. It is the same with all mine disasters. You can find volume after volume on the causes, but, sift them to the bottom, and in more than three-fourths of the cases you will find that spirit of "Get out the coal, never mind how many men you kill, but get out the coal." As ex-Governor Johnson of West Virginia once exclaimed in exasperation, "There are coal companies which have no regard whatever for human life."



HEADLAMPING SCENE OCCUR AT THE PIT MOUTH

rate, whereas every other decrease. They pointed out that the European mine is a deep and better with many dangers, and we are beginning for the first time in the history of coal mining in this country to open veins that are really dangerous. We are on the very threshold of a new and far more hazardous period in coal mining, and unless we take active measures, we are going to have a series of mine explosions which will appall us even if there are no Americans killed.

Out of the report they made has grown the Pittsburgh testing station of the department of mines, which is now taking up the most serious cause of mine explosions—electricity. There would be no objection to electricity under proper conditions, but the difficulty with it at the present time is that the electrical machinery sparks. In a gaseous or dusty mine, given the right conditions, and it needs only a spark to kill every man in it. It should be used only in mines where there is no chance of the accumulation of gas, but, in point of fact, it has been adopted most generally by the mine operators of the "gas belt" of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In all that country there is never any telling where gas will be struck next, and the cutting machines, which work ahead and are most likely to open gas pockets, are operated by electric dynamo which are constantly "at the face" of the coal. Formerly it was the rule and in some states the law to have ahead and test for gas pockets, but with the modern electric cutting machines all such precautions are out of the question.

The case against electricity, when used for power, is the most serious consideration in the whole of the coal mining situation, because it has made coal production cheaper, and on that account, no matter how many deaths it causes, it would be extremely difficult to drive it out of the dangerous coal fields. The saving averages about three cents a ton, and there is an incentive of the lengths to which operators have gone to make that miserable profit. When the dangers from electricity began to be understood, its use was permitted only in mines where open lights were safe. So the operators to dodge the law, took out their covered lights and sent men into gaseous mines with flaming torches in their hats. When, upon some terrible accident happened, the mine inspectors were silenced.

Perhaps we are not to blame the coal operators for reducing the cost of production to the lowest possible point; but when they do so at the present tremendous cost of human life, it is high time they feel the stern hand of regulation. So far, however, they have always been able to prevent the real cause of some of the worst disasters being laid to electricity. A definite cause, in any event, is an abhorrence to them. For, if the blame can be placed on the operating machinery of a mine, it opens the way to damage suits, a contingency the coal operators are adepts at escaping.

This whole situation was never better shown than in the terrific disaster at Monaca, N. C., in West Virginia, which had the longest death list in the history of American coal mining. The accident occurred on December 6, 1907, immediately after a trip of fifteen loaded mine cars, liberated by the breaking of an iron coupling pin, and run back twice hundred feet on an eight per cent grade, raising a thick cloud of dust and ending by causing a short circuit in the electric current. But when it came to fixing the cause, electricity was hardly considered, a fact that is particularly noteworthy, as the decision was severely criticized afterwards in engineering journals.

Testimony that tended to prove that electricity



ALL THE MEN EXCEPT TWO, WHO LIVED IN THIS RUN OF MINES, WERE KILLED IN ONE EXPLOSION

number of deaths per thousand men employed, the United States occupies a less favorable position than any other of the coal-producing countries, more than three times as many men out of every thousand being killed as in some of the European countries, which are much less favored by natural conditions. In regard to deaths per thousand tons of coal, the United States not only occupies a position worse than most of the European countries, but it is also showing an increase in the death rate, whereas every other country is showing a decrease.

There were 362 men killed in that disaster, and, if the cause had been fixed on electricity, the owners might have been forced to pay \$1,800 a man, like the owners of the Cherry Hill mine, who faced a public opinion outraged at the thought of men being sealed alive in a burning mine. As it was, they got off by contributing \$20,000 to be added to the public relief fund of \$149,090. So, instead of \$1,800, each man cost only \$55.25.

Electricity was also not blamed in the case of the Marianna disaster of November 28, 1908, when 134 men lost their lives, but, after the public interest had been blown over the use of electricity was abandoned at the suggestion of the department of mines and replaced in its stead. This might appear to indicate a guilty knowledge of the real cause.

As a matter of fact the owners of the mine, the Pittsburgh Buffalo Company, had already had warning that all was not right in the Marianna. On August 12, more than two months before the big explosion, there was a smaller explosion which resulted in the death of one man and serious injury to two others; and Alderman A. R. Day, of Monaca, placed before whom the preliminary hearing took place, found that the accident had been due to electricity. William Underwood, foreman in charge of the mine, was arrested on information filed by State Mine Inspector John P. Bell, on a charge of permitting the use of spark-throwing machinery in that part of the mine where only safety lamps are allowed.

The Pittsburgh Buffalo Company repeatedly denied the fact of this accident, but the report of the state department of mines for 1908 contains an account of the accident. Now that the United States government has recognized the danger of electricity, it has taken the position that it would be blocking progress to prevent its use. So it has set about solving the problem in a way that will bring final relief, but this will not prevent the death of thousands of men and the loss of millions of dollars of property.

It is impossible to fix an exact number, but probably no less than five hundred have come to their death through unsafe electric apparatus in the past year, the length of time the government has been at work on the problem. In March, 1910, the federal department of mines sent word to all manufacturers of electric mining apparatus that F. H. Clark, an engineer, had been placed in charge of the work at the Pittsburgh testing station and was ready to stamp the seal of government approval on all electric mining machinery that did not spark; but nine months later he had not yet discovered a single piece of electric apparatus which met the requirements. Just consider that for a moment. Even with all the improvements which have been made to electric apparatus, safety is as far off as ever.

But what is to be done? It is objected that you can't stop nine-tenths of the mines from operating until they are made safe. And yet, if they are permitted to go ahead as at present, they are absolutely certain to kill from 2,000 to 3,000 men before safe apparatus is devised and installed. Are those 2,000 lives to be sacrificed? Is nothing to be done? Apparently not. If those 5,000 men were in one mine and absolutely certain to meet death there unless the electric apparatus were torn out, the situation would be dramatic, public opinion would be aroused, and something quite effective would be done. The real need is no less insistent. If then it would not be absurd to demand immediate action in the one case, it is not in the other.

But it is objected again, it would interfere with business. It would be too expensive, impossible. Money, then, has more to do with this human disaster than it has with the one in the Marianna. Money must be saved at any cost to men. And these 5,000 must die because it would be too expensive to save them.

was to blame came out at the hearing, but was ignored. Fire hose traders at Marianna, in which the coal mine disaster, said that twice before there had been runaways, and on each occasion fires had been started in the coal dust, but had been extinguished before they spread. And Blackamit, looking forward the time between the passage of the cars and the moment of explosion, showed that between the short circuit and the explosion there had been at least a remarkable coincidence.

Seven women teachers and one man are missing and undoubtedly were burned in the wreck. Two of the injured have died in the hospital. Fully 50 more are injured, several of whom may die.

The train was one furnished the teachers by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, and the accident occurred while it was traveling at a high rate of speed over a stretch of track controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad. The locomotive jumped the track, the cars toppled over and were set on fire by exploding oil, the wrecked coaches having slid down an oil tank along the track when they left the rails. The entire train was quickly enveloped in flames and completely consumed by the fire.

Hardly had the train come to a stop before fire started and spread so rapidly that some of the imprisoned passengers were burned to death. The fire broke out at both ends of the train, not only from the floor of the dining car starting the blaze at the rear.

PEACE TERMS BROKEN. Mexico Moves Large Body of Troops Toward Juarez; Fight Expected.

More than 100 freight cars loaded with 1,000 federal troops and equipment left Chihuahua over the Mexican National railroad for Juarez. The troops are commanded by General Rabago and Oro and are provided with field guns and ammunition for heavy action.

Since Sunday gangs of workmen, under military guard, have been repairing the railroad north of Chihuahua and it was to be expected as far north as Santa Fe, the troops were to take the train as far as Santa Fe and from there march overland to Juarez. No efforts are made to conceal the expectation that before they reach Juarez the federal troops will be encountered by the insurgents and that a serious conflict will result.

The movement of the federal reinforcements northward was being expedited in Chihuahua just as a time when officials were giving out information that an armistice was being arranged.

Rebels Kill Viceroy Li. Admiral Li, the viceroy of Canton, China, has been assassinated by the rebels. The gates of the city have been closed. The loyalty of the troops is doubted and this fact is causing much excitement among the peaceful inhabitants of Canton.

The enlistment terms of many soldiers trained by foreign officers expires and the revolutionists expect them to join their ranks. With such aid they probably can control the city. Among the official residences are reported to be the residences of the British consul and the Japanese consul. Reports from the uprising were instigated by anti-Manchu who went to that city from Macao and Hong Kong and spread the revolutionary propaganda among the troops at a time when they were nursing severe grievances.

Two British torpedo boat destroyers have been sent to Canton from Hong Kong.

10 KILLED; 50 HURT IN EXCURSION WRECK. ON TRAIN FULL OF SCHOOL TEACHERS ON WAY TO WASHINGTON AS IT LEAVES TRACK. FLAMES SWEEP WRECKED CARS AS THEY LAY IN DITCH. Fire Starting at Both Ends of Train Is Fed by Oil From Tank Struck By Train as It Plunged Into Gully.

A Lackawanna excursion train, carrying 105 members of the Utica Teachers' association to Washington for the spring holidays, swerved from the track on the south of Martin's Creek, N. J. Four of the five coaches rolled into a gully to the east of the track, caught fire from the gas tanks and were destroyed in half an hour.

Somebody was Interested. Maybe she meant it as a compliment, maybe she didn't. He likes to believe that she did. At dinner he said: "I saw Dr. Parkhurst on Madison avenue today."

"Well" and "Hub" being the only comments on that remark, he went on: "Now, I wonder if Dr. Parkhurst is telling anybody at this time that he saw me on Madison avenue today?"

Then said the woman sweetly: "If he is, I am sure he is telling them something more interesting than what you are telling me."—New York Times.

SUFFERED TERRIBLY. Kidney Trouble and Rheumatic Pains Made Life Miserable.

Dr. R. Wilson, Humboldt, Neb., says: "I had kidney disease in a very aggravated form. Kidney secretions contained a dark sediment and passages were very painful. I was so stiff I could hardly move. My back ached terribly. I had nervous and dizzy spells, my limbs were swollen and morning on arising I felt weary and depressed. I doctored and tried numerous remedies but steadily grew worse until almost helpless. I began to improve under the use of Doan's Kidney Pills and it was only a short time before I was entirely well."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all druggists. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Subject to Restrictions. "I was cleaning for a new lady last week and she said in her kitchen was a slight, po' thing," said Rose, Mrs. Frazer's dark-skinned charwoman.

"But why did she let it get like that?" asked the lady. "I dunno, ma'am. Guess she never seen it. Some cooks, you know, is mighty particular 'bout 'lowin' de modern in de kitchen." Day jee take dere orders from her upstairs an' she don't have no call to go into de kitchen at all."

SCRATCHED TILL BLOOD RAN. "When my boy was about three months old his head broke out with a rash which was very itchy and ran a watery fluid. We tried everything we could but he got worse all the time, till it spread to his arms, legs and then to his entire body. He got so bad that he came near dying. The rash would itch so that he would scratch till the blood ran, and a thin yellowish stuff would be all over his pillow in the morning. I had to put mittens on his hands to prevent him tearing his skin. He was so weak and run down that he took fainting spells as if he were dying. He was almost a skeleton and his little hands were thin like claws."

"He was 'bad about eight months when we tried Cuticura Remedies. I had not laid him down in his cradle to the daytime for a long while. I washed him with Cuticura Soap and put on one application of Cuticura Ointment and he was so soothed that he could sleep. You don't know how glad I was he felt better. It took one box of Cuticura Ointment and pretty near one cake of Cuticura Soap to cure him. I think our boy would have died but for the Cuticura Remedies and I shall always remain a firm friend of them. There has been no return of the trouble. I shall be glad to have you publish this true statement of his cure." (Signed) Mrs. M. C. Matland, Jasper, Ontario, May 27, 1910.

A Herford Bon Mot. Oliver Herford and a friend were strolling through a section of town that was plentifully strung with pulley lines on which many a family "wash" was waving in the wind. Mr. Herford's companion called attention to the manner in which these garments shrank out of the sky and otherwise disfigured the landscape. Mr. Herford gazed at them thoughtfully and then gently murmured: "The short and simple annals of the poor."

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-PAKE. Allen's Foot-Pake is the best shoe preserver and shoe conditioner ever made. It keeps the feet cool, soft and healthy. It cures itching, burning, and all other foot troubles. It is sold everywhere. See your druggist. For sale by Allen's Foot-Pake Co., Boston, Mass.

On Occasion. "Pop, is it X that is an unknown quantity?" "I have always found it so, my son, whenever I tried to borrow one."

Dr. Pierce's Peppermint. Small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regular and invigorating. Softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, and cures constipation.

It's easier for a shiftless man to make friends than to make good. Allen's Foot-Pake. Allen's Foot-Pake is the best shoe preserver and shoe conditioner ever made. It keeps the feet cool, soft and healthy. It cures itching, burning, and all other foot troubles. It is sold everywhere. See your druggist. For sale by Allen's Foot-Pake Co., Boston, Mass.

CALUMET BAKING POWDER. The wonder of baking powder—Calumet. Wonderful in its raising powers—its uniformity, its never failing results, its purity. Wonderful in its economy. It costs less than the high-price trust brands, but it is worth as much. It costs a trifle more than the cheap and big-can kinds—it is worth more. But proves its real economy in the baking. Use CALUMET—the Modern Baking Powder. At all Grocers.

BASEBALL. "Out at first," so the umpire decided. This decision the runner defied. And then words at him were cast. "Not at first, but at last." Then the runner and umpire collided!

CURE THAT CATARRH. Our climate with its sudden changes is conducive to catarrh which is a chronic inflammation of the mucous membrane surface of head—nose or throat.

One month's local treatment with Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic will convince the most skeptical that Paxtine is not a palliative but a specific for all catarrhal conditions. Paxtine is a perfectly harmless antiseptic and germicide in powder form which contains all of the antiseptic qualities of liquid antiseptics, but with other valuable cleansing, germicidal, and healing ingredients added. Just a little in a glass of water as needed—used as a spray and gargle, will not only remove the accumulated secretions, but breaks the inflammation, destroys the germs of disease, and dispels the disagreeable odor caused by chronic catarrh.

For sale at all druggists—25c and 50c a box, or postpaid receipt of price. The Paxtine Toilet Company, Boston, Mass. Send for a free sample. Happy Family. Mrs. Scraggington (in the midst of her reading): Here is an account of a woman turning on the gas while her husband was asleep and asphyxiating him!

Mr. Scraggington—Very considerate of her! I'm sure! Some—well, wake their husbands up, and then talk them to death.—Puck.

Evidently an Amateur. "Getting ready for your suburban gardening?" "Yep. I've got a spade, a pick, a hoe, a rake and some garden seeds, but I've ransacked the market and nobody seems to have any angle worms for sale."

For your own sake, don't wait until it happens. It may be a headache, toothache, stomachache, or some other accident. Hamline Wizard Oil will cure it. Get a bottle now.

Taking a Chance. Employer—So, then, Miss Willing, you're looking up for good? Miss Willing—No, sir! For better or for worse!

ARE YOU FREE FROM—Headaches, Colds, Indigestion, Pains, Constipation, Sour Stomach, Dizziness? If you are not, the most effective, prompt and pleasant method of getting rid of them is to take, now and then, a desiccated powder of the ever refreshing and truly beneficial laxative remedy—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. It is well known throughout the world as the best of family laxative remedies, because it acts so gently and strengthens naturally without irritating the system in any way.

To get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., bearing the name of the Company, plainly printed on the front of every package.

Good Fellowship occasionally leads to over-indulgence in the good things of the table. Be good to your stomach. Right it at once with

Beecham's Pills
Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.
Painful, Laxative, Safe

A New Kind of Loan

Two negroes had been called up before their employer, because they had had a fight about money. Abraham Jones claimed that Thomas Short owed him five dollars. This Short denied in the most vehement manner, calling on all powers of heaven to strike him dead if he owed Jones a cent. "Is done loan dat nighan five dollars," protested Abraham.

Sand as a Fire Extinguisher

Why are piles of sand kept hanging in some buildings? It is the usual thing to see hanging in large buildings, museums, factories, offices—rows of piles containing a liquid, which can be used for extinguishing the flames in case of fire. It is quite common nowadays to see also a pile of sand hanging with the others or in a place by itself. This sand is for use in case of fire caused by an accident to the electric wires, bringing about what is known as a "short circuit."

Profit of Revolt

What's the use? If we capture the government, there's no money in the treasury. "Well, can't we sell the moving picture rights?"

Yeggs Blew the Safe

Yeggs blew the safe in the general store of G. A. Blakeslee & Co., of Galien, but failed to get the money, only the outside doors being blown off. The yeggs were evidently frightened by the explosion and made their escape.

Ann Arbor Smallpox Patients

Ann Arbor smallpox patients were moved to a distant room separate from the Homoeopathic hospital where the disease was discovered. They are: Mrs. Elsie Miller, Cap. Mich.; Mrs. Nellie Mooney, Jucker, Mich.; and Rudolph Smith, Dickinson, O.; patients and Leonard Pailhien, a servant of Saline, Mich., and Edward Oliver of Ann Arbor, an orderly.

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HomeCircleDepartment

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tides.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

We may not realize, perchance, what home means to us until seas and mountains separate us from the loved ones—perchance not until sickness and misfortune come—perchance not until the Dreaded Shadow falls upon the threshold and the Raven croaks above the bust of Pallas. But when some tie is snapped and some link is broken and some chair is vacant at the fireside when we realize that the cords which bind us to the homestead are knotted in the bosom's core and center, when we realize that the past sang for all the world when he sang beside the Thames:

"Mid pleasures and palaces, tho' I may roam,

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

TRIBUTE TO HIS MOTHER.

"I love a great deal to my mother."

She was a seamstress, cool and wash lady, and a mother, and in life had a servant in the house. And yet she was a cultivated woman. She read Channing and kept up with the literature of the day. When I was a little tot she used to read good books to me.

"You young women have here every opportunity for literary culture, and you ought to avail yourselves of it. You ought to be very proud, with money earned so honorably, for money that is not earned honorably, will never do you any good."

The above words were spoken by Mr. Carnegie, the iron-master, while talking to a large company of well-to-do girls in New York City. And then this mother—unlimited wealth blessed by saying:

"I shall never forget how proud I was when I got my first wages of \$1.25 a week, and how I felt when I was raised to \$1.50 as a telegraph operator. To be home that day to my good mother gave me such a feeling of manly independence."

God give us happy homes—pure homes. They may be humble enough, but if they be in them, they will keep the ship of state anchored in serene and peaceful waters. No blot will stain the flag. The laws of the country will be framed in wisdom and upheld in honor. The soldier will be valiant in the field. The sentinel upon the watch-tower will be faithful in the hour of danger, and all will be well with the republic.

SOME ADVICE TO WIVES.

Remember that you are married to a man and not to a god; be prepared for imperfections.

Anticipate the discovery by your husband that you are "only a woman"; if you were not he would not care about you.

Once in a while let your husband have the last word; it will gratify him and be a particular loss to you.

Be reasonable; it is a great deal to ask under some circumstances, but if a reasonable woman are rare—be rare.

Remember that servants are made of the same material as you are; a little coaxing, perhaps, but the same in essence.

Try and forget yourself as to your husband; forget that you married him, and remember that he married you; he will then probably do the reverse.

Let him read the newspaper at breakfast-table; it is unobscure, but then it is only a table, and he likes it.

Let him know more than you do office in a while; it keeps up his self-respect and you will be none the worse for admitting that you are not actually infallible.

Read something in the paper besides fashion notes and society columns; have some knowledge of what is going on in foreign countries.

Be a companion to your husband if he is a wise man; and if he is not, try to make him become your companion. Raise his standard; do not let him lower yours.

Respect your husband's relations, especially his mother—she is not the less his mother because she is your mother-in-law; she loved him before you did.

Home! Home! To decline this simple English word is to exhaust the resources of metaphor. It is the charmed center of all existence. It is the golden ale-tire around which all industry—all thought—all feeling—rotates. It is the casket of humanity's crown-jewels. It is the place of the sweet honeycomb for which we hoard and hope and hunger. It is the haven of retreat to which we turn our footsteps when the labors of the day are over. It is our divorce on the march. It is our wellspring in the desert. It is the anchor which keeps our ships from drifting out to sea. It is the compass which keeps our rudders true to heaven. It is the voice which calls us across the waters—growing louder and clearer and sweeter with the deepening twilight: "Home, Sweet Home!"

A crust of bread, a pitcher of water, a thatched roof and love; there is happiness for you, whether the day be rainy or shiny.

Hearts are the trump cards in life, and the ticket we must present at the door of heaven. The heart is the book-keeper of our actions. How do you keep it? Is it clean and pure enough for public inspection, or is it scarred over with bad thoughts and worse deeds? Ah, keep thy heart diligently, for out of it are the issues of life.

Good woman try and hit the nail you aim at and not the one on your thumb.

For Aged People

Old Folks Should be Careful in Their Selection of Regulative Medicine

We have a safe, dependable and altogether ideal remedy that is particularly adapted to the requirements of aged people and persons of weak constitutions who suffer from constipation or other bowel disorders. We are so certain that it will relieve these complaints and give absolute satisfaction in every particular that we offer it with our personal guarantee that it shall cost the user nothing if it fails to substantiate our claims. This remedy is called Rexall's Elderly.

Rexall's Elderly have a soothing, heating, strengthening, tonic and regulative action upon the bowels. They remove all irritation, dryness, soreness and weakness. They restore the bowels and associate organs to more vigorous and healthy activity. They are eaten like candy, may be taken at any time without inconvenience, do not cause any griping, nausea, diarrhea, excessive looseness, flatulence or other disagreeable effect. Price 25c. and 10c. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store—A. M. Lewis & Co.

New Military Invention Prevents Leaking of War Secrets.

New York. Through an ingenious invention of Patrick B. Delany, the New England inventor, Uncle Sam has found the means he has been long seeking of preventing foreign spies from tapping government wires and learning the secrets of the army.

Delany's device, which is in the shape of a small, portable, automatic telegraph system, and which is called the "Delany" system, is being used by the military men and scientists present in the two newspaper offices 100 miles apart. In their judgment the invention solves one of the most important military problems with which an army has had to contend—ever since the introduction of the telegraph as an auxiliary of modern warfare.

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N. representing Admiral Leutze, commander of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Midshipman W. A. Richardson, U. S. N. representing Admiral Seton Schroeder, of the Atlantic fleet now in port and other officers of the army and navy.

In the Post-Dispatch office were: Colonel W. A. Mann, U. S. A., and Captain H. S. H. Ford, U. S. A., of Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis.

"We've got the enemy bottled up this time," said General Bufting when the demonstration was over "the day of stealing our dispatches is over, thank God."

For Bald Heads

A Treatment That Costs Nothing if It Fails

We want you to try three large bottles of Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic on our personal guarantee that the treatment will not cost you a penny if it does not give you absolute satisfaction. That's proof of our faith in this remedy, and it should indisputably demonstrate that we know what we are talking about when we say that Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic will grow hair on bald heads, except where baldness has been of such long duration that the roots of the hair are entirely dead, the follicles closed and grown over, and the scalp is glazed.

Remember, we are basing our statements upon what has already been accomplished by the use of Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic, and we have the right to assume that what it has done for thousands of others it will do for you. In any event you cannot lose anything by giving it a trial on our liberal guarantee. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00. Remember, you can only obtain Rexall's Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store—A. M. Lewis & Co.

Eyes and Ears Tested Free.

Dr. Owen, the Detroit physician and specialist 27 years who tests eyes, fits glasses, and treats deafness and all diseases of eye and ear including cataracts, etc., will be at the Russell House, Grayling Thursday, May 4.

Prized Japanese Swords.

Though sword manufacture has ceased to be in Japan today outside of the government arsenals which turn out only the accepted military blade of the modern army, the country is still filled with prized relics of the past art; and these are relics which the Japanese will not sell. A possessor of one of the old swords, keen and blue white in luster as the day it was forged, would sell his house, even himself, maybe, before he would part with his iron Bible of Bushido for money.

Hide, Dismal Secrets.

In England there are hundreds of ancient buildings which possess their secret passages, and during excavations in London long forgotten tunnels are often encountered. Whether the secret passages, the count of the seats of the Duke of Devonshire, are one of the curious secrets which lead to spacious caves in which skeletons and uniforms have been found.

A City Boy and a Cow.

Young Robert was much interested in looking over the pictures in his first primer. He lives not so far from the stock yards in West Philadelphia, and has been told that the animals are slaughtered. He became highly excited over the picture of a "Mamma mamma," he cried, "I saw a cow in the street and a man was going to kill her for her milk." Philadelphia Times.

The Autocrat's Story.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes used to tell a story to the effect that a man called early one evening to see his pastor, and a little girl of 9 opened the door to him. "Father is not at home," she said, "but if you have come to talk about your soul, you had better come in, for I understand the whole plan of salvation."

Power in New York.

It is estimated that the state will have a million and a half more power can be developed on the streams of New York and New Jersey stored up energy, is equal to a third of all the water now utilized in the United States. The important bearings of this situation on the future industrial development of the state cannot be overestimated.

Degree of Guilt.

"I will name you the degrees. The first, the reformer; the second, the quip; the third, the reply; the fourth, the reproach; the fifth, the countercheck; the sixth, the lie with circumstance; the seventh, the lie direct, and you may avoid that, too, with an H—Shakespeare, 'As You Like It.'"

Deaf Hear at Telephone.

Among the many curiosities of the telephone and one which certainly never was thought of when the instrument was invented is the fact that persons who are extremely deaf can hear perfectly over the telephone. Those who are so deaf that they can distinguish nothing which is said to them except by the motion of the lips or by the use of an ear trumpet or other similar device can carry on long distance telephone conversations with perfect ease and never miss a word.

Temperature of Steam.

The temperature of steam at one-pound pressure is 214.3. At 30-pounds pressure it is 274.3.

GREAT WASTE IN AMERICA

Forty-one Could Be Made Each Year From Car Oil and Corn—Wasted.

Of the list of materials most grossly wasted in America each year car oil and corn are quite near the head of the column. It is estimated that there are 10,249,463 car wheels in the United States, counting those on the freight and passenger cars and the locomotives. These require 30 gallons of oil a year each, on an average, making the grand total of 307,483,860 gallons used to keep running the wheels in this important branch of commerce.

To soak up this vast amount of oil 51,247,810 pounds of cotton waste are used. In a demonstration of what goes to waste in this manner, 60 pounds of oily refuse was subjected to pressure and over seven gallons of good oil was collected. An average of eight gallons of oil squeezed from each 100 pounds of waste means a total value of \$1,340,000 a year, which is decidedly worth saving.

Discarded corn cobs are another neglected source of wealth. These can be converted into wood blocks in many forms; the most valuable of which are lumber, railroad ties and the basis of many kinds of furniture. The corn crop of last year produced approximately 1,550,000,000 bushels of cobs. These pressed into board would yield many million feet of lumber; into tie they would make enough in number to supply several thousand miles of railroad.

IS SECRET OF EVERGLADES

Once a Volcano, the Place is Now Remarkable for its Fertility.

One of the strange facts about the Everglades region of Florida is that it is really a decayed mountain top. The crest is formed of massive limestone, usually covered by a mantle of sand. In this formation are numberless potholes, which vary in size from a few feet to thousands of acres; also countless lakes of fresh water, springs and frequent subterranean streams and pools.

A few miles north of Cape Sable is an outcrop of limestone which projects to Lake Okechobee. In this outcrop is an extensive shallow basin extending 130 miles north and south and about 70 miles east and west, while the altitude of its rim is 12 feet above mean level low tide in Biscayne bay and a little less above the Gulf of Mexico.

As a result of the weather and flowing water, the rim has been worn into fantastic shapes. The depth of the basin varies from one foot at the rim to twelve feet in places, but generally the rock floor is from a depth of one to six feet. And there is the secret of the fertility of the Everglades. Above the entire rock floor rises a layer of muck, formed of an annual deposit and of decayed vegetable matter. This deposit varies from a few inches to several feet in thickness. The water covering this deposit comes from springs that in turn have their source in the lake—D. A. Wiley, in Cassier's Magazine.

Quick Traveling.

Every one in western Oregon calls State Senator Bowerman "Jay" and thinks that when it comes to trying all hand fought criminal case there is none better. Not long ago the late candidate for governor defended a participant in a shooting scrape at Fossil and a material point in the case hinged upon the testimony of an aged Tennesseean.

"Where were you when this shot was fired?" queried counsel for the defense.

"I were about ten feet behind the feller what got shot."

"And were you there when the marshal arrived?"

"No, sah, I wasn't nowhere nigh the place."

"You must have traveled pretty fast," suggested Mr. Bowerman.

"The witness projected his goatee over the rail of the witness stand and in a confidential tone of voice said: 'Well, Jay, I'll tell you: I made jest three tracks between Knox's livery barn and the cotehouse.'—Portland Oregonian.

Wild Turkey in Virginia.

In King George county, Virginia, wild turkeys have been unusually plentiful. In a number of instances they joined flocks of domestic turkeys in barnyards. On the premises of Chapman Price, Belle Isle, a wild turkey joined the flock of fowls in the yard and when Price walked toward it the fowl became entangled in a wire fence and was caught.

Alexander Pott, one of the best shots in King George county, frightened some wild fowls away from his flock of turkeys and succeeded in shooting one as it flew away in the direction of the woods.

An Admirer of Mary Queen of Scots.

Theodore Napier, who for eight years has brought a wreath from Edinburgh to the execution of Mary Queen of Scots, near Peterborough, attended for the same purpose yesterday is full Highland attire.

On this occasion, however, he was refused admission to the castle site by the occupier of the farm of which it forms part. Mr. Napier left the wreath on an adjacent hedge, and will abandon the pilgrimage unless the prohibition is withdrawn.—London Evening Standard.

Nature.

Nature never wears a mean appearance. Neither does the wisest man extort her secret and lose his curiosity by finding out all her perfection.

Nature never becomes a toy to a wise spirit. The flowers, the animals, the mountains, reflected the wisdom of his best hour, as much as they had de-lighted the simplicity of his childhood.—Emerson.

Good Work Done by Crows.

It is estimated that one crow will destroy 100,000 insects every year.



For Particulars Consult Agents

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

via Michigan Central

to the SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST

WEST, NORTH-WEST

AND SOUTH-WEST

Tickets on sale May 16, 1911.

Final return limit 25 days. To points North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, on the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Norfolk & Western, or Virginian Ry., return limit 29 days.

Delightful Rail and Water CIRCUIT TOURS

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to Galveston, Tex., Mexico

City, Mex., Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La.

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Rail to New York water to destination, rail to starting point or vice versa. Tickets now on sale daily to Galveston, Mobile and New Orleans. To Mexico City, commencing May 7, 1911.

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Tickets on Sale May 12, 13 and 14, 1911.

Return limit: to reach original starting point not later than midnight of July 31, 1911.

Lansing, Mich.

account I. O. O. F. GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND PATRIARCHS MILITANT

Tickets on Sale May 15 and 16, 1911.

Final return limit: to reach original starting point not later than midnight of May 18, 1911.

EXCURSION

via MICHIGAN CENTRAL

Sunday, May 14

(Return same day)

TO Detroit \$2.25

Train leaves 1:35 A. M.

Tickets accepted in coaches only. Baggage will not be checked on these tickets.

In addition to above fares, tickets will also be sold between all stations where the one fare is \$1.00 or less, at which this train is scheduled to stop at one and one-half fare for the round trip, with minimum of 25 cents.

No. 155 May 4.

A HOPEFUL MESSAGE TO SCALP SUFFERERS AND MEN WHOSE HAIR IS THINNING

Dandruff now bald later. The same is true of scalp diseases. In fact baldness is a scalp disease. The trouble with the greasy salves and lotions, the so-called dandruff and scalp cures now have tried so far is that they don't do anything but temporarily relieve the itching and make the dandruff so it doesn't fall until it dries out again. Nothing can cure really cure such troubles but a real scalp medicine that will kill the germs causing dandruff and scalp disease.

Learning from leading fellow druggists throughout America that they had found a whiff of cure for dandruff, eczema and all diseases of the skin and scalp the A. M. Lewis & Co. Drug Store on proving to the laboratories, compounding a treatment that is the most prominent drug store in this city secured the agency for the remedy. This remedy is ZEMO, the clean, light preparation that kills the germ of disease and SEMO SOAP to wash the scalp or skin clear and clean of the dandruff and all its antiseptic qualities soothe and heal.

Sold and guaranteed by druggists everywhere and in Grayling by A. M. Lewis & Co.

The Pere Marquette Line Steamers

have begun their regular time schedule between Manistee, Ludington and Milwaukee. Leaving Manistee at 6:00 p. m. and arriving at Milwaukee and Chicago in time for business the next morning, or to connect with the early trains for the west.

Notice Patrons.

I hereby announce that I am in the field to take orders for all kinds of nursery stock, for the Perry Nursery Company, for this spring delivery, the largest in the world. The most beautiful roses to be had, at very special rates. It pays to hold your orders till I can call.

Respectfully, JOHN H. TOBIN

Notice of Eighth-Grade Examinations.

Eighth grade examinations will be held in Grayling and Frederic Thursday and Friday, May 4th and 5th, in 8th grade rooms.

JUD E. BRADLEY, Co. Commissioner.

1878. 1911. The Pioneer Store

With you for over a quarter of a century.

FIRST CLASS GOODS!

RIGHT PRICES!

Always our Motto.

We are headquarters for

Groceries & Provisions

DRY GOODS, FURNISHING GOODS

SHOES, HARDWARE

FLOUR, FEED

LOGS, LUMBER, SHINGLES

BUILDING MATERIAL OF EVERY KIND

Farm Produce

BOUGHT AT HIGHEST MARKET PRICE.

Salling, Hanson Co.

Your Satisfaction IS THE

Most Important

thing to us. To see that you're properly dressed

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAY 4.
Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A following your name means we want your money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday forenoon, and can not be considered later.

Look for the blue X after your name. It means time is up.

New line of trunks at bargain prices. Brenner's Cash Store.

Horses bought and sold at Langevin's Livery Barn.

Sweet cream at Brink's Grocery.

The best solid leather suit cases and telescopes at Brenner's Cash Store.

Call on George Langevin for dry wood, to be promptly delivered.

All the sweet cream you want at Brink's Grocery.

Horses bought and sold at Langevin's Livery Barn.

For the best boys' girls' and children's hose go to Brenner's Cash Store.

Two houses for sale, for particulars inquire of Mrs. H. Joseph, at her residence.

FOR SALE—Worth more than asked. A good refrigerator. Mrs. Lee Winslow.

Hand tailored ready-to-wear suits and tailor made trousers. Brenner's Cash Store.

FOR SALE—Good household furniture and kitchen utensils. Call on T. Boeson, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—Four houses in the village of Grayling, for particulars see or address T. BOESON. mar21

Mrs. Crandall can supply you with mineral cleaner to clean your rugs and carpets. Call or phone.

FOR SALE—Cheap; One top buggy, good condition, and one single driving harness. Inquire at S. S. Phelps, Jr.

FOR SALE—Three desirable lots in Rossie addition to village of Grayling, for prices etc. Inquire of Mrs. J. B. Woodburn.

Ladies, just received another line of winter underwear and coats at city prices. Brenner's Cash Store.

Gentlemen when you get ready for a new suit, call in and see. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop over Colleen's Restaurant. A. E. Hendrickson. jan19-41

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

FOR SALE—A good baby carriage with hood and a fine dresser with extra large mirror. Call and see them or phone. No. 1013. Mrs. Celia Granger.

FOR SALE—Buff and White Leg horn eggs for hatching, \$1.00 per 15; also some first class White Leghorn hens, all laying, one year old. Leon Stephan, Box 66, Grayling, Mich.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

FOR SALE—A good six room house and four lots in a good location, and good repair, for \$800.00, a good deal less than the house would cost today, call on or address E. H. WAINWRIGHT.

We have arranged with The Weekly Inter Ocean and Farmer so that our patrons can secure that sterling paper together with our own, at the exceedingly low price of \$1.75 for one year. This is a rare opportunity and should be taken advantage of.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment wonderfully effective. One application will convince you of its merits. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

FOR SALE—A full line of buggies and harnesses for sale at my livery barn. A few second hand rigs, and anything you want, new from the factory. Call and if you do not find what you want in stock, find it in the catalogue. Geo. Langevin. jan26

For soreness of the muscles whether induced by violent exercise or injury, Chamberlain's Liniment is excellent. This liniment is also highly esteemed for the relief it affords in cases of rheumatism. Sold by all dealers.

I have bought the entire grocery stock of Elias Body, with all store apparatus to him, which are to be paid to me. New stock has been put in, and I am prepared to meet all calls. Come and see me at the grocery store on the south side of the river. feb23. WALMER JORGENSEN.

Is there anything in all this world that is of more importance to you than good digestion? Good food must be eaten to sustain life and must be digested and converted into blood. When the digestion fails the whole body suffers. Chamberlain's Tablets are a rational and reliable cure for indigestion. They increase the flow of bile, purify the blood, strengthen the stomach and tone up the whole digestive apparatus to a natural and healthy action. For sale by all dealers.

WANTED—Six pigs about 6 or 8 weeks old. P. Aebli, Grayling, Mich.

John Floeter, who for some time has been in Detroit receiving medical treatment, returned last week.

At present writing there are seven patients in the hospital, and all are progressing nicely under the capable care of both Sisters and nurses.

John A. Love, of Beaver Creek, has a nice lot of medium clover seed for sale, free from weed seed, and prime. Address at Grayling or Roscommon.

Rev. A. C. Kildegarde, former pastor of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church here, was a welcome visitor the first of the week. He looks happy as he tells of the new girl at their home.

The regular business meeting of the Ladies Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Roblin Friday May 5th, entertained by Mrs. Alfred Olson and Mrs. Roblin. Ladies of the Congregation invited.

The Citizens' Band will give a dance in the Opera House Friday evening May 5th, for the benefit of the Grayling Musical Association, Local No. 518 A. F. of M. Clark's full orchestra will furnish the music. Admission 50c.

More than a hundred passengers took the Lewiston train Monday morning, for the fishing on the North Branch, and other hundreds have stopped here for the main stream. There are many ladies in the party and cold rain and snow not especially conducive to their pleasure.

A severe blizzard ushered in May day in northern Nebraska, southern South Dakota and northwestern Wyoming. From six to eight inches of snow fell. More than four hundred telegraph poles went down west of Valentine, and the Chicago & North Western R. R. is operating without wires there today. Snow plows are at work, the snow having drifted.

The Sisters at the hospital would be pleased to receive any old linens, etc. to be used as dust and mop rags. Anyone wishing to donate any can telephone the hospital or send them. They will be greatly appreciated by the good Sisters. It is also well to note here that any donations will be gladly received at any time by the Sisters of our new hospital.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that, starting with the first Sunday in May (May 7th) there will be two Sunday services in St. Mary's Catholic Church. The first mass (low mass) will take place at 7 a. m. standard time, and the second service (high mass) at 10:30 a. m. Confessions will be heard on the previous Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. The church services will be at 7 a. m. instead of 7:30 a. m.

John Stephan returned from Lake County Saturday where he has been for the past few months building a large club house on Pine River, a branch of the Mauntee, for Mr. Geo. Stephan, Supt. of the museum of art at Toledo, Ohio. It is a log structure 36x52, and, though primitive at first sight, is found to be substantially built and elegant in all its appointments, and if not quite so far from Grayling, would be an ideal summer home.

Notice is hereby given to the general public, that the Sisters of Mercy have taken charge of our new hospital and will in the future conduct it. The Sisters of Mercy are an Hospital order and are thoroughly acquainted in every line of Hospital work, and are recognized as one of the best Hospital Orders in the country. The citizens of Grayling can well be proud in having these "Angels of Mercy" in their midst to conduct our modern institution. Anyone wishing to make arrangements regarding hospital affairs should call on or telephone the Sisters at the hospital. The Sisters will always be pleased to receive them.

The office of the Pineconing Press was entered by burglars on Wednesday night of last week, and editor Segerstrom states that the ungewelcome visitors secured \$1.25 in real money from the cash register. As a member of the fraternity we have a burning curiosity to know how Editor Segerstrom secured that \$1.25. The Press also reports a burglary at Garfield, a nearby town, a few nights previous, but as Bro. Segerstrom has established an absolute alibi in this case, the mystery of the \$1.25 remains still unsolved. —Omer Progress.

Unless some of big railroads pay their taxes before May 1, the annual apportionment of the primary school money, which will be made about May 10, will fall considerably short of the amount issued last year. At present there is just enough cash in the primary school fund to apportion the money at the rate of \$2 per capita. Auditor General Fuller says that the last school census shows an increase of 14,388 children of school age, and the state must receive approximately \$1,000,000 more in order to bring the apportionment up to \$6.50.

Saved Child From Death.

"After our child had suffered from severe bronchial trouble for a year," wrote G. T. Richardson, of Richardson's Mills, Ala., "we feared it had consumption. It had a bad cough all the time. We tried many remedies without avail and doctor's medicine seemed as useless. Finally we tried Dr. King's New Discovery, and are pleased to say that one bottle effected a complete cure, and our child is again strong and healthy." For coughs, colds, hoarseness, laryngitis, asthma, croup and sore lungs, it's the most infallible remedy that's made. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co.

FOR SALE—An elegant invalid wheel chair. Enquire of Miss Edith Ballard.

Rev. A. P. W. Belker was a welcome visitor here this week, and enjoyed all but the weather.

FOR SALE—A good dwelling house and three lots on block 28 Roffe's add Village of Grayling. \$2,000. Wright Havens.

Thor Ambjornson, Jr. with a young friend arrived here yesterday from their western home, to see the old town and friends.

Charron Bros. of Maple Forest have added to their machinery, a bean thrasher, and will be ready for the entire crops of the country. Make your dates early. Address at Frederic, Mich.

Between last Saturday and Tuesday morning the mercury registered from 78° down to 28°, and in that time there was 2 1/2 inches of rain and 2 inches of snow. Beautiful May weather?

About 9 a. m. Tuesday morning the fire alarm gave the boys a little run to the east part of the Village where they found only a chimney burning on house of Mrs. Peterson, no damage and no hose strung.

Mrs. John Aebli left for Canada on the midnight train, Friday, to attend the funeral of her step-father, Mr. Wm. Brint, who died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Brint lived in Grayling, south side, for several years before he removed to his farm in Canada.

A terrible accident occurred last week in the mill yard, by which Hans P. Hanson was so injured that he died this morning at Grayling Hospital. We have no details of the accident, except that the right side of his chest was crushed and the fractured ribs penetrated the lungs, the shock and internal injury being so great that there was but little hope from the first. As we go to press, no arrangement for the funeral has been made.

Frank Ingerson was in town Saturday driving a five year-old colt, and on the way home was in some way thrown from the buggy and received a fracture of the collar bone, and two or three ribs. He was brought to Mercy Hospital Sunday, but the full extent of his injury has not been fully decided this (Monday) morning, as his condition decided the surgeons to wait for a little for the reaction before making a complete exploration. Wednesday he is reported resting comfortably.

Judge Nelson Chamberlain and court last week in Gaylord, in a case in which there was great local interest was that against B. Peter Johnson from whom the sheriff seized a quantity of beer and liquor under the provisions of the search and seizure act. Mr. Johnson was able to show to the satisfaction of the jury that he was not selling liquor and that the quantity in his possession was that which he had for his own family use and after retiring for about half an hour returned a verdict of "not guilty." The court issued an order directing the sheriff to return the liquor to Mr. Johnson. —Wolverine Courier.

Housekeepers in general should be forewarned weather sets in make a systematic clean up of all refuse and manure piles about their premises and thereby frustrate the breeding of the housefly that invites typhoid fever and kindred diseases into their homes. Dirt, flies and disease are a trinity of evils that demand eternal vigilance. The housefly breeds in the manure and filth pile, it evades your pestle and enters your home, carrying on its feet poisonous germs of disease, bedrabbles itself over your victuals and makes sickness to yourself and family not only possible but quite probable. If you value good health declare eternal war on the housefly and swat it at every chance.

M. E. Church, Sunday, May 7, 1911.

The regular services at the M. E. church for next Sunday are as follows: 10:30 a. m. Public Service. —Subject "He Satisfies the Longing Soul." 11:45 a. m. Sunday School. 3:00 p. m. Junior League. 6:30 p. m. Epworth League. —Subject "Honoring Our Profession." Leader—Miss Eleanor Melstrup. 7:30 p. m. Public service. —Subject "Many Are Invited But Few Accept." 7:30 p. m. Thursday, General Prayer Meeting.

Tuesday, May 9th, Dr. Collins, District Superintendent, will preach, and hold the Third Quarterly Conference after the sermon. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Non-Church goers are especially invited. JAMES IVRY, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church, Sunday, May 7, 1911.

Mid week prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. —Subject "Grayling's Needs and Possibilities." Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m. A. B. Felling, Sup't. Christian and social at 6:00 p. m. Subject—"Lessons From Great Lives: Ruth." Consecration Meeting. Preaching service 7:30 p. m. —Subject—"What I Would Do If I Had My Life to Live Over Again." All are cordially invited to attend these services. J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

✓ Lovell's Locals.

T. E. Douglas has a new auto.

Mr. Wells, of Standish, is camping on section 12.

Dr. Underhill has the basement of his house ready for the masons. The town ought to thank the Dr. at least for the good job he has done in filling up the ravine with the earth he took from his basement.

Mrs. Laura Halm was doing business at Grayling Monday.

Mrs. McCallammon made a trip to Bay City Monday.

Our Supervisor is getting busy now hunting up all assessable property. The last we heard of him he was making for the west part of the town in an auto.

Work on the fruit farm is progressing.

The farmers are busy. Help scarce and more men wanted on the farms.

Trout stories will be in order now. Fish worms are scarce; they ought to be more plentiful as they have been protected the past three years. DAN.

It Startled The World.

When the astounding claims were first made for Dr. King's New Life Pills, but forty years of wonderful cures have proved them true, and everywhere it is now known as the best salve on earth for Burns, Boils, Scalds, Sores, Cuts, Bruises, Sprains, Swellings, Eczema, Chapped hands, Fever Sores and Piles. Only 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co.

Frederic Franks.

Ann Leng returned from Ann Arbor last week where he had been for surgical treatment.

Tom Callahan and wife have moved to Hibbens, Minnesota.

H. Laskey now occupies the Haley House.

G. Burke will move into the Gregory House.

Some talk of another saloon, with five already. It would look as though we needed one more.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Callahan spent last Thursday in Gaylord.

Mrs. Redson of Vanderbilt is here with hats galore.

Mrs. C. F. Kelley was called to Cleveland, Ohio, by the serious sickness of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gardner visited at Cheboygan, his mother being quite sick.

Mrs. Haley of Cheboygan was here to meet Mrs. T. Callahan's mother from New Foundland, Mrs. Callahan having moved away.

Mrs. Wertz of Gaylord visited Mrs. C. Craven last week.

C. Armstrong and family have moved back to their farm.

Gordon Forbush and wife have moved to town.

C. Niaman and wife are cooking at Ward's farm.

I see notices are posted by the health officers for every one to clean up their alleys. Who are those that will do so.

A cold wave and some more beautiful snow.

A Burglar's Awful Deed

may not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. M. C. Dunlap, of Leadville, Tenn. If ailing, try them. 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co.

NOTICE.

The Board of Review of the Village of Grayling will meet at the Town Hall, May 25th and 26th, 1911, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment rolls.

FRED NARRIN Assessor.

Do Ghosts Haunt Swamps?

No, Never. It's foolish to fear a fancied evil, when there are real and deadly perils to guard against in swamps and marshes, bayous and lowlands. These are the places where the malarial cause agent, the mosquito, breeds, and from its stings come fever, weakness, aches in the bones and muscles and may induce deadly typhoid. But Quinine Bitters destroys and casts out all these vicious germs from the blood. "Three bottles drove all the malaria from my system," wrote Wm. Fretwell of Louisiana, N. C. "and I've had fine health ever since." Use this safe, sure remedy only 50c. at A. M. Lewis & Co.

Furnished Place of Refuge.

Mrs. Crimmonbank—"It is said that the five great original forests of the United States covered 850,000,000 acres and contained 50,000,000,000,000 feet of lumber." Mr. Crimmonbank—"In those days, you see, there was some place for a man to go when his wife cleaned house." —Yonkers Statesman.

Read and Heed. Whatever your hands find to do, do it, and the less you talk about it the more time you will have for enjoyment.

✓ Cured Thousands of Rheumatism.

There is nothing certain in the treatment of rheumatism—there is nothing guaranteed to cure.

NYAL'S Rheumatic Remedy.

Comes the nearest to any remedy of receiving a guarantee.

It is more prompt and certain in its action than anything else we have ever sold.

It assists the kidneys in cleaning the blood of impurities—stimulates the kidneys, bladder and liver to renewed activity, and rids the system of uric acid, the chief cause of rheumatism.

Relief in the shortest time possible—a decided difference after the first bottle.

This is not an experiment—Nyal's Rheumatic Remedy has been proving its merit for years.

One Dollar for a large sized bottle.

Whatever a good drug store ought to have—and many things that other drug stores don't keep—you'll find here. Come to us first and we'll get what you want.

CENTRAL DRUG STORE

HATPINS!

Ladies, have you seen those new Hatpins received a few days ago?

Something entirely new and at popular prices too, 50 and 75c each.

MESH BAGS

A new line of Mesh Bags also at \$3.50 and \$5.00.

WATCHES.

Now is the time to buy that watch you have been thinking about so long. I have them at prices to suit your pocket-book.

I also have a Nice Line of

BRACELETS

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Grayling City

Garden & Green Houses

JOHN H. COOK, Prop'r

THIS WEEK;

Radish, Lettuce, Green Onions, Tomatoes, Asparagus and Pansy Plants. I will have a full line of plants for Decoration day, and will be glad to get your order.

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Every thing Cooked and Canned Meat for Fishing and Camping.

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10 More Days!

Saturday, May 13

AND OUR SALE OF
Tin and Granite Ware
IS OVER!!

We are bound to close out this department on account of lack of room! Bigger price-cuts on everything for the final few days!

Boys' Suits! White Dresses

A New line of Boys Blue Serges and the new Grays. You will want one for the trimmed with lace and Boys First Communion! Beautiful White Dresses for girls that are tastefully embroidered, \$1.00 to 10.00

Ladies' Millinery.

New shapes are arriving every few days. Better see what we are showing at 1-3 to 1-2 less than others ask.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

Great Discount Sale!

Owing to the remodeling of our store building, we will sell our immense stock of Pictures, Fancy Mirrors, Parlor Lamps, Water Sets, Wine Sets, Jardinieres, entire stock of China Ware and Semi-Procelain, at greatly reduced prices. Also some pieces of Furniture is included in this sale. We must dispose of these goods

SALE IS ON NOW!

Don't miss this the greatest sale we have ever had.

Sorenson's Furniture Store
Grayling, Michigan.

Ceresota Flour!
Same as always, The Best.

Buckley Creamery Butter
Fresh every week from the Buckley Dairy Farm, Buckley, Mich.

Everything Fresh in Staple and Fancy Groceries at
BRINK'S GROCERY
AROUND THE CORNER.

A HAPPY HOME IN REACH OF ALL

Joy AND SICKNESS DON'T CHUM TO BE HAPPY KEEP WELL

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TO CURE
COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL DISEASES OF THROAT AND LUNGS

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The Avalanche

O. PALMER, PUBLISHER.
GRATINGS, MICHIGAN.

And here comes the four-ail skirt.
The trouser skirt is the only one that needs police protection.

The price of lobsters has gone up, but this is no excuse for being one.
It wouldn't seem fair to tax bachelors and let the young widowers escape.

The "bungalow" hat is the latest for women. Can it be bought on the installment plan?

It was Queen Elizabeth who said a lie is an intellectual method of meeting a difficulty.

The population of India is 315,000,000, an increase of 20,500,000 since 1901. No rice suicide there.

Absolute independence consists, says one writer, in giving others and not giving a darn who knows it.

"Convicts are not the worst men," says a Chicago preacher. Still, there are a lot of good men out of prison.

Sandow, the strong man, is trying to build King George up to his own standard as against coronation week.

A Chicago minister says that some marriages are planned by Satan, and we thought they were all made in heaven.

The harem skirt is being taken seriously in Rome. One father has committed suicide because his daughters wore them.

Prof. Perrier, a French astronomer, tells us emphatically that there is no life on Venus or Mars. When astronomers disagree, etc.

An aeroplane carried thirteen men in a fight in France the other day, but the average citizen still prefers to cling to mother earth.

A new aviator whose name is Mars has dived on the world. For once a birdman has been found who has a name that fits his calling.

Wherever it has appeared the harem skirt seems to have caused a riot. It is going to be hard on the timid to be fashionable this spring.

A Boston clergyman says women have lost the art of blushing, and this may be why some are wearing the harem and some the harem skirt.

Hide goeth before a fall. When an automobile tries to knock a freight train off the track the pedestrian is tempted to clasp his arms.

We move that the New Yorker who is running an agency to dispose of titled foreigners to American heiresses be thrown into jail for peddling gold bricks.

A church about to disband in New York has a membership of about \$750,000,000. The task of getting that treasure laid up in heaven seems to be a difficult one.

A Philadelphia public man thinks the harem skirt will uplift the race. It seems to have more tendency to upset it, as far as practical results can be relied on for judgment.

A transatlantic liner which recently arrived in New York with a big cargo of Paris fashions would have filled Dagoes with surprise and delight, for everybody on board was honest.

"Daisy Cornucopia Pauline" is the name of the cow that has established a new world's record by producing 34 1/2 pounds of butter in seven days. The cow with the crumpled horn of plenty, as it were.

One woman, unmarried, is of the opinion that if women were allowed to do the courting and proposing there would be more happy marriages. It might be worth while to try it, any way.

Two dinosaur footprints won the under a year through college, and he has sold another pair for a fancy price. It turns out that he has struck the trail made by a dinosaur after a hard hunt there will be a new millionaire in Colorado.

A Pennsylvania judge has decided that it is no part of a woman's house hold work to milk cows. But where was his consistency when he also decided that she might collect the eggs and feed the chickens?

New York authorities threaten to place a ban on "cuss words" on the stage. This will be a heavy blow to the deep dyed villian. Can you imagine a respectable villian muttering "fudge" or "addledicks"?

A health lecturer advises people who wish to live long to eat sauerkraut, as it contains the longevity germ. But perhaps the desire to live long might be somewhat checked by a steady diet of sauerkraut.

Fighting duels by proxy is the latest pastime in Paris. Probably the game was invented by a man with a sense of humor who feared that personal participation in a duel might cause him to laugh himself to death.

A young woman in a Michigan city, who wanted to wear a harem skirt in public, got a police permit, including police protection, before she ventured. The harem skirt fits a long felt want with those who can do nothing to win fame and are anxious for notoriety.

While handling bills amounting to \$10,000 a New Jersey man contracted blood poisoning from some of the dirty bills. But many would be willing to take the chances of infection from dirty money in blocks of \$10,000 at a time.

RESUME OF THE SHORTEST SESSION

A REVIEW OF THE WORK DONE BY THE LEGISLATURE IN A SHORT SESSION.

TOBY CANDOR GIVES AT A GLANCE THE RESULTS.

There Was a Large Grist of Laws, Some Good Ones Were Passed, Others Were Killed and the Governor Will Do the Rest.

Lansing, Mich., April 27.—A resume of the legislation enacted by the legislature which has concluded its sittings at the earliest date in the history of the state shows a vastly greater amount of good legislation enacted than anybody expected under the circumstances existing through out the session. Some acts of such state-wide importance that one may truly say no more important have ever been enacted have passed both houses and will become law when the 90-day period after May 2 has expired.

Incidentally there were introduced a vastly greater number of bills than ever before, even before the new constitution made it impossible to pass purely local acts. A summary of the bills introduced and passed becomes interesting. This is it:

Bills introduced in the House, 627.
Bills introduced in the Senate, 428.
Total bills introduced, 1,055.
House bills passed, 195.
Senate bills passed, 115.

Total bills passed, 310.
House resolutions passed, 120.
Senate resolutions passed, 61.

It will be seen from these figures that less than one-third the vast number of bills introduced became laws. Some very important bills failed to pass and some of small amount did pass. Yet on the whole the work of the legislature, disorganized as it was, shows that in general somebody had his eyes open and saw to it that most of the good received attention and most of the bad was consigned to the junk heap.

Following is a resume of the more important legislation enacted:

Excluding from participation in the primary school fund contributions from school districts which have on hand a sufficient amount of this money to pay teachers' salaries for two years.

This was the joint resolution introduced by Rep. McNaughton and amended by a constitutional amendment which was placed before the people at the April election and adopted by a heavy majority. It was one of the most important measures of the session and passed early in the sittings.

Creating a new board of equalization. This was the joint resolution introduced by the joint resolution.

Knocking out the organization by his judicial duties.

Reorganizing and simplifying the state military department, cutting off the gold brain department and placing the National Guard upon a regular army standard.

Reorganizing and simplifying the naval department, placing it on a basis independent of but similar to that of the military department.

Creating a commission of experts to examine into the state tax system with a view to harmonizing various branches of the system.

Requiring the D. G. H. & M. railroad to pay taxes on its bonds and indebtedness thus bringing it up to the same basis of taxation as other railroads. Up to now, even since 1854, the road has escaped paying much of any taxes.

Making telephone companies common carriers and forcing them to give interference of service.

Granting to the state tax commission power to go into any county or locality and raise the assessed valuation of property there. In this way the valuations all over the state will be raised and the average rate lowered.

Regulating salary loan agents and pawnbrokers, placing a limit upon the interest they may charge and placing them under police supervision.

Guaranteeing officers of trusts immunity from prosecution in case they give evidence tending to convict combinations in restraint of trade.

Repealing the mortgage tax law and substituting therefor a recording fee of 50 cents upon each \$100 of value.

Exempting veterans of the civil war and their widows from taxation to the amount of \$1,000 provided the property is not valued in excess of \$2,500.

Establishing a uniform accounting system in all departments of the state and in counties under the direction of the state general auditor.

Permitting saloons to remain open on Washington's birthday, Lincoln day and on special primary days and giving to villages and township boards in wet territory the right to reject any and all liquor bonds thus to all intents and purposes applying the unit system principle in wet but not in dry territory.

Providing that the supervisors of any county may demand of the price on authorities a force of convicts to work upon the roads. They will be distributed when there is a heavy demand in accordance with bids.

Prohibiting the employment of any but experienced engineers, conduct-

ors and flagmen on Michigan railroads.

Foreing the G. R. & I. railroad to abandon its system of charging more than a 3-cent fare from Michigan points to points in Indiana.

Establishing a 2-cent fare in the upper peninsula.

Authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to remove school officials in rural districts for the illegal use of the school funds.

Permitting the public domain commission to exchange lands with the Federal government for purposes of reforestation.

Providing for the establishment of commissions to certify to mill in cities, villages and townships.

Requiring mutual fire, tornado and hail insurance companies to file with the state insurance commissioner a list of accredited agents.

Making it a misdemeanor to fail to place fire escapes upon any structure.

Repealing the law requiring in rural districts the primary election law, placing the fall primary the last Tuesday in August, combining many of the other primaries and especially requiring that the candidate for office must receive at least 15 per cent of the vote at the secretary of state by his party at the next election in order to be placed upon the election ballot.

Regulating billiard and pool rooms outside cities and villages.

Placing express companies under the authority of the state railroad commission.

Establishing a normal school at Alpena.

Application for incorporation of banks to be void unless completed in 180 days.

Authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to appoint an auditor to audit the primary school funds in the various school districts.

Creating a commission to investigate the question of working men's compensation.

Extending term wood lots from taxation.

Prohibiting the use of trading stamps.

Providing for the election of mining inspectors.

These were the most important bills to pass. There were some equally important that did not pass. The senate also did its share when it came to killing measures.

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A state-wide prohibition bill introduced in the house never came out of committee.

A bill providing that the unit for local option should be cities, villages and townships instead of counties was introduced in the house, but never came from committee.

A bill providing a hunter's license passed the senate, but failed in the house.

A bill to place the game warden's department under the joint fish and game commission passed the senate, but failed in the house.

A bill to permit brewers to operate in bond in dry counties was introduced in the senate, but failed to pass.

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A bill to abolish the offices of state oil inspector, state salt inspector, state weather bureau passed the house, but failed in the senate.

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Following are some of the other bills to fail:

To provide an executive mansion at Lansing.

To provide a tonnage tax upon ore. This bill passed the house and failed in the senate.

The Torrens system of land transfers.

To submit a constitutional amendment for a four-year term for governor.

Placing fraternal insurance on national congress table of mortality.

To provide for an expression of popular will on the election of presidential electors.

Commission of inquiry into state departments and institutions.

To provide the penalty for cash fares on railroads.

To compel stronger construction of cars on railroads.

Providing for free text-books.

Providing printing of text-books in manuscript.

To abolish corporal punishment in prisons.

To establish secret service in the state.

To limit the number of legislative employees.

Two very radical measures, the unit system, a wage measure, and a state-wide prohibition were introduced, but each was intended more particularly as an onset to the other and neither was ever reported from the committee. This was one of the pleasing features of the session.

During the closing days of the session Speaker Baker worked over time in lining up members of the House in support of his candidacy for auditor general. In fact all the embryo candidates were putting in their final bids. Senators Kline and Kington and Rep. Perry are all candidates for state treasurer. Senator Nowlin is a candidate for secretary of state, and Rep. Chamber for land commissioner. With Lieut. Gov. Ross as a gubernatorial possibility this makes a fairly strong legislative lineup.

Providing for the placing of a statue of Zach Chandler in the Hall of Fame at Washington.

Providing a kennel tax on dogs.

Releasing Shiawassee from cost of maintaining troops at Durand during strike.

Releasing Lapeer from cost of maintaining troops at Home for the Freedmen during the smallpox epidemic.

Providing that the state shall hereafter pay the cost of calling out troops for protection of property or health.

Authorizing boards of supervisors to purchase lands for agricultural fairs.

Amending the libel laws so as to divide the liability for the publication of libelous advertisements or articles.

Providing uniform bills of lading.

Licensing the sale and carrying of deadly weapons.

Amending the boards of supervisors to fix the levels of inland lakes.

Preventing misrepresentation as to policy by life insurance agents.

Prohibiting the sale of adulterated candies.

Permitting the use of county drains for sewerage.

Amending the general labor law.

Prohibiting children under 18 years from working as messengers between the hours of 10 p. m. and 5 a. m.

Amending the general game law, providing number of birds or animals may be taken when hunting.

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He cut \$213,953 out of the general budget as allowed by the legislature, making his total reductions to date about \$512,000. As near as can be figured the legislative budget totaled about \$12,400,000, and if his ax does not get dull before next week he has expectations of reducing the budget to \$11,600,000, which will be \$800,000 more than the amount allowed by the legislature two years ago.

However, it must be remembered that there is \$1,000,000 included in the present budget to take care of the deficiency in the state treasury and to provide a working balance of \$200,000 so that the state will not become bankrupt again.

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Woolmen Meet at Detroit.

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Thursday, May 11. This will be the third meeting that the association has held in less than two months. At the last Lansing meeting, several representatives of eastern commission houses were present, and with one accord they advised paying no more than 17 cents at most.

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